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Material Sheets

Art Unit

3653

Examiner

Kenneth W. Bower

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24131

RESPONSE

Hon. Commissioner for Patents

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated June 17, 2005, the following remarks are made:

In deference to the restriction requirement on pages 2 and 3 of the above-identified Office Action, applicants elect group I, claims 1-17, for prosecution at this time.

Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application including the device claims of group II at a later date.

In view of the foregoing, the early issuance of an Action on the merits of claims 1-17 is solicited.

Respectfully submitted

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